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West Virginia: Doctors Still Warning Some About Water

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A county health official said doctors were advising some patients not to drink tap water, weeks, after it was deemed safe from a chemical contamination, while a federal health official said Wednesday that it could be used for any purpose. The Jan. 9 spill at Freedom Industries in Charleston spurred a water-use ban for 300,000 people. After officials cleared thousands of people to use the water again, officials at the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) advised pregnant women to consider a different water source. Dr. Rahul Gupta of Kanawha and Putnam Counties said Wednesday that some pediatricians were advising that children under 3 also should not drink the water. Dr. Tanja Popovic of the C.D.C. said later Wednesday that the water was “appropriate for use” and that the advisory for pregnant women was to “empower” them to make their own health choices.

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